

2024 Animal Care and Housing Agreement

This agreement is made on the 31st day of August 2023 by and between the YORK COUNTY SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as "York County SPCA"; and Warrington Township a Pennsylvania municipal corporation hereinafter referred to as "Local Governing Body".

1. The Local Governing Body shall pay to the York County SPCA an annual sum of \$3,241. **The Local Governing Body shall return a fully executed copy of this agreement along with payment to the York County SPCA by December 31, 2023.**
2. In consideration of the payment specified in Paragraph 1, the York County SPCA shall provide to the Local Governing Body the following services:
 - a. The York County SPCA will continue to accept and care for your resident's owner surrendered animals and attempt to find those animals a permanent and loving home.
 - b. The York County SPCA will continue to accept stray animals from your residents and Animal Control Officers that are transported to our shelter contingent upon the policies set forth in the York County SPCA's Managed Shelter Admissions Policy.
 - c. Your fee helps subsidize low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, including programs for free roaming cats and cat colonies. It also allows us to provide residents with discounted spay/neuter surgeries for all York County pit bull and pit bull mixes. In the past year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) our high-volume, low-cost Spay/Neuter Clinic completed 11,496 spay/neuter surgeries.
 - d. Residents of your local governing body shall continue to receive services from the following programs (at little to no cost for your residents):
 - i. **CARMA** program supports low-income families so they can provide medical treatment for their pets, at significantly discounted rates.
 - ii. **SafePet** offers free refuge for people's pets if they must flee a domestic violence situation or are suffering a temporary housing issue/loss.
 - iii. **Pet Pantry** program ensures families suffering from food insecurity can feed their pets at no cost to the family.
 - iv. **Community Cat Initiative** is an impactful new program that offers a long-term solution to York County's community cat overpopulation issues.
 - v. **Second Chance Fund** provides free veterinary care for sick and injured animals.
 - vi. **SNR program, or the Shelter Neuter Return Program**, is a program that provides free spay/neuter/vaccine services to stray community cats who will be returned to their outdoor homes.
 - e. The York County SPCA provides York County with the only fulltime Humane Society Policy Officer who actively investigates and prosecutes animal cruelty offenders for your community. Otto Cruz, Humane Society Police Officer, can be directly reached at (717)659-2375. That is his cell phone number and should only be utilized by municipal officials with a fully executed Municipality Agreement. In the past year (June 30, 2022 to July 1, 2023) the York County SPCA investigated and supported the prosecution of 156 cases of animal cruelty or neglect.
 - f. Yearly and Lifetime Dog licensing.
 - g. Animal Related Municipal Ordinance consultation.
 - h. Full record keeping and documentation required by the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement.
 - i. No cost humane education programs and events for York County residents.
3. The York County SPCA will be responsible for expenses in providing emergency veterinary care for sick and/or injured stray animals during open hours. Municipal officials and/or animal control officers should notify the York County SPCA immediately prior to transporting stray animals with serious injuries and/or illnesses so proper arrangements can be made for housing and treatment of the animal. The York County SPCA can be reached by the municipality at 717-718-3109 from 8am – 4pm daily. The aforementioned number is a private direct line, should only be utilized by municipality officials with a fully executed agreement, and should not be provided to the public. Any sick and/or injured stray animal that needs care outside of normal York County SPCA business hours should seek assistance at the Animal Emergency and Referral Center of York or Mason Dixon Animal Hospital. The York County SPCA has negotiated agreements, to hold and stabilize injured animals(s) until the next day when an agent of the York County SPCA can transport the injured animal to the shelter.
4. The York County SPCA is an independent contractor to the Local Governing Body and none of its agents, employees or officers shall be construed as, or represent themselves as, employees of the Local Governing Body. The Local Governing